

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 11, 2010 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 1, 14, and 21 have been amended. No new subject matter has been added.

Claims 1-8, 14-16 and 21-33 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Examiner Interview

Applicants' below signed representative conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Simpson on July 7, 2010. The interview was directed toward proposed claim amendments to address the Examiner's concerns regarding the presently cited art. The Examiner indicated that the presently submitted amendment to independent claim 1 distinguishes the cited art. Independent claims 14 and 21 are amended similarly. The Examiner is thanked for her time.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-8, 14-16 and 21-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Welt et al. (U.S. Patent 5,984,935). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, but have amended claims 1, 14 and 21 to advance this application to allowance.

At least for the reasons discussed with Examiner Simpson in the telephone interview of July 7, 2010, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 14, and 21, and dependent claims 2-8, 15-16, and 22-33 are patentable.

SUMMARY

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (claims 1-8, 14-16 and 21-33) is in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested.

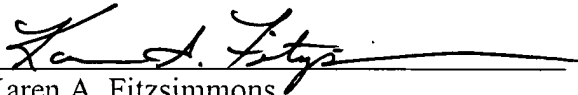
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.



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Respectfully submitted,

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